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Title: **RECOMBINANT PROTEOLYTIC TRYPTASES, ACTIVE SITE MUTANTS THEREOF, AND METHODS OF MAKING SAME**

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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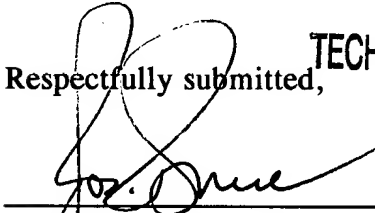
Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2002, for three months from August 22, 2002, to November 22, 2002. The granting of the requested extension of time will not extend the period for response beyond the six-month statutory limit.

A check for \$920 is enclosed to cover the petition fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2055.

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